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~~55~~ 54. (New) The method of any of claims 44-49, wherein said target RNA molecule is viral material.

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55. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein said target RNA molecule is viral material.

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56. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein said target RNA molecule is viral material.

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-43, and added new claims 44-53 drawn to methods for cleaving target molecules with catalytic RNA comprised of modified nucleotides. The cancellation of claims 1-43 makes no admission regarding the patentability of this subject matter and should not be so construed. Applicant reserves the right to pursue this subject matter in this or in any other appropriate patent application.

The cancellation of claims 1-43 renders the rejections under C.F.R. §1.75, and U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, second paragraph, moot. Regarding compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 a request is filed herewith to use the CRF provided for in the parent application.

Accordingly, the claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If there is any fee due in connection with this response,
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Respectfully submitted,

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